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TO ENFORCE LAW ON NEW SCHOOLS

State Supervisor To Insist Buildings Comply With Statute.

Frankfort, Ky., June 28.—County superintendents and boards of education must observe the state law requiring that plans for new school buildings be submitted to the office of the state superintendent for approval, according to a letter just sent out from the office of J. Virgil Chapman, state superintendent of schools. The letter calls the attention of the superintendents and boards to the law and urges that it be kept in mind and that those who have not been observing it do so.

Mr. Chapman stated in giving out the letter that most of the counties have been observing the law, but that in visiting summer schools he had found that in a number of counties buildings had been erected without compliance with the law.

Wants Building Commissioner.

"We hope later," said Mr. Chapman, "to have a law providing for a commissioner of school buildings. At present, however, the office of the state superintendent, with the co-operation of the State Board of Health, passes on the plans."

The letter calls attention to the fact that nineteen-twentieths of the regulations governing school building construction in the various states have been passed within the last fifty years. At least forty-four of the forty-eight states have some legal requirements in this connection.

In two-thirds of the states, he says, approval of the plans and specifications or even plans for enlargement of school buildings is vested in the state authorities. In some states the boards of health co-operate.

"Judging from reports to the United States Bureau of Education," he said, "general satisfaction has resulted from such laws. It results in freeing the local boards of demands of persons with some influence and who have personal demands to make, and often results in securing local co-operation which could not be obtained otherwise if the plans were made and passed upon solely by local agencies."

In some states, he said, state funds are being used to secure local aid.

MRS. SALLY STEVENS

Mrs. Sally Stevens, widow of Richard A. Stevens, died at her home in Newtonville, Ind., June 17, the direct cause of her death being affection of the kidneys, although she suffered from injuries sustained in a fall several months prior to death and had been continuously confined to her bed as a result. Age also operated against her, she being 75.

Mrs. Stevens was originally a Miss Benton and was born and reared in Ohio County, where she has many relatives, and friends among the older people who knew her best. The remains were buried at Newtonville, on Sunday following her death.

The deceased lady is survived by three sons and three daughters, Delmer, Warren and Pearl Stevens and Mrs. Henry Ward of Fairbury, Ill., Mrs. James Varner and Miss Verda Stevens, of Newtonville, Ind.

WILL CONFER TODAY ON FEDERAL BUDGET

Washington, June 28.—The first step toward the making of a federal budget will be taken tomorrow at what is believed to be the first meeting of its kind in American history, a conference of all executive and administrative officials of the government.

Director Dawes of the budget had prepared today a statement, which he will make to the officials and which, it was understood, will set forth in detail the director's views of the machinery and co-ordination necessary to success of a federal budget system. It was submitted for cabinet approval today. President Harding is expected to preside at the meeting.

Associates of the director said he already had begun "rounding up the loose ends" preparatory to breaking the news to all officials that once the

budget is in, the amount it carries at any given time, is the maximum which can be spent. To encourage the paring of estimates, the director has in mind a system of "rewards and punishments" for those who submit the estimates. The results of their individual work will be laid before the president for his action.

NEW HAVEN APPLIES FOR LOAN OF EIGHT MILLIONS

Washington, June 28.—The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad asked the Interstate Commerce Commission today to approve a loan from the government of \$8,000,000, \$4,000,000 of which is to be used to pay interest on long-time obligations, \$2,599,000 to meet indebtedness maturing before the end of 1922 and \$1,400,000 to be used for improvement of the road and purchase of equipment.

FORMER HARTFORD LADY ON VOYAGE TO EUROPE

Miss Daisy Wedding, teacher of history in one of the City Schools of Indianapolis, Ind., and daughter of Judge R. R. Wedding of Hartford, in company with a friend, sailed Wednesday of this week for Europe. She will disembark at Rotterdam, Holland. That country, Belgium, Italy, France and Switzerland and perhaps England are to be visited by Miss Wedding on her tour.

MYSTERY OF FIRE AT MAYFIELD UNSOLVED

Mayfield, Ky., June 28.—Developments in the "mystery fire" which destroyed 11 persons near here early Sunday morning have been few, since nearly all the theories have been exhausted and slight threads of evidence unbound. Ike Doyle, foreman of the coroner's jury, who examined several witnesses after the fire was interviewed this morning in an effort to throw some light on the theory that Lawrence was subject to fits or spells of insanity.

Mr. Doyle lives within sight of the Lawrence cabin, which was burned to the ground, and stated that while he never knew of any insanity or fits on Lawrence's part, that the family was a strange one and Lawrence a strange man.

"Lawrence," stated Mr. Doyle, "would never stay away from home. I lived within 200 yards of his home, and I have seen him but once in two years. He was never known to eat a meal with a neighbor, and while he worked for Mr. Jones he would do without his dinner rather than sit down at a table with other folks."

"However," stated Mr. Doyle, "it was generally known that the Drews and the Lawrences were the best of friends, and, so far as I know, never had a quarrel."

Sheriff Marion McCain is still clinging to his theory that Lawrence became suddenly insane and ran amuck. He is of the opinion that the job was inside and all concerned have perished. Search is being made for a stranger seen at the scene of the fire early Sunday morning who called a relative of the Riley sisters, wives of Drew and Lawrence, aside and told the relatives he was a United States secret service man. In a hushed voice the man is said to have stated to the relative "A sailor did it."

No sailor in any way can be identified with the tragedy. The stranger could not be located in the vicinity following the statement and officers believe he was some one of the hundreds who came to view the ruins and was trying to make a "show" and collect an audience. No stone is being left unturned to solve the strange catastrophe ever visited upon this part of the country. An excited person rushed into the city this morning and reported the heads of five persons had been found in a cistern on the Lawrence place. A crowd was hurriedly rushed to the scene to find the cistern nearly dry.

REV. FRAZIER TO RETURN

The Rev. T. T. Frazier, pastor of the local Methodist Church will return tomorrow from Lake Junaluska, where he has been taking special work and attending lectures for the benefit of rural pastors, during the past two weeks. Rev. Frazier will fill his regular appointments Sunday morning and evening and at the morning service will give a descriptive outline of his trip and the work accomplished by the conference.

MRS. J. N. MARTIN ANSWERS SUMMONS

Mrs. Jemima N. Martin, aged 88 years 4 months and 7 days, after long periods of suffering during the past several years, due to general broken health, died at her home in Cromwell, Monday morning at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Martin was the widow of the late Wade N. Martin who preceded her in death some 26 years.

She lived a conscientious christian life, being a member of the Green River Baptist Church having united with that body at the age of 14 years and was held in high esteem and much loved by a wide circle of friends whose pleasure it was to know her best. She is survived by three sons: Squire George W. Martin, of Muncie, Ind.; John W. Martin, of Stigler, Okla.; former sheriff, R. B. Martin of Cromwell and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Gentry, of Livermore and Mrs. John X. Taylor of Earlinton. She was also the grandmother of 16, great-grandmother of 19 and great-great-grandmother of four children.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. B. Neel, of Morgantown, assisted by Revs. Russell Walker of Hartford and Birch Shields, of Cromwell, from the Green River Baptist church, at which place her remains were laid to rest beside her husband, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

A kindly friend, an obliging neighbor and a faithful and devoted christian mother has been called to assume the reward for a well spent life.

MRS. EMMA FULKERSON DIES IN LOUISVILLE

Mrs. Emma Fulkerson, widow of the late N. B. Fulkerson, died Tuesday in a Louisville hospital, of stomach trouble and other complications. Mrs. Fulkerson had gone to Louisville to undergo a surgical operation, but her general condition was such that she could not recover. She was born, and until recent years, resided in the Equality country, but has lately made her home with a son in Central City.

The remains were conveyed to her old home, Equality, where burial took place Wednesday afternoon, after funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Grant of Central City.

OWENSBORO MAN BOOSTED FOR U. S. VOCATIONAL JOB

Owensboro, Ky., June 28.—A special dispatch from Washington to the Messenger says that Senator Ernst accompanied E. T. Franks, of Owensboro, former chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, to the White House today, and endorsed him for a place on the Federal Vocational Educational Board.

FRIES EGG ON HOT STEPS OF CAPITOL AND WINS NEW HAT

Washington, June 28.—It has been blazing hot in Washington for more than a week. Each day the official thermometer has registered between 90 and 94 and the street temperatures have been as high as 104. In fact it is so hot here that Congressman John Langley, of Kentucky, won a new hat from Congressman Pringy, of Oklahoma, on a bet that he could fry an egg on the blistering steps of the capitol.

It was just as hot in President Harding's office at the White House as in anybody else's office, but the President says he doesn't mind the heat. He keeps comfortable by remaining calm. A thermometer in his office registered almost 90 early this afternoon. He was in palm beaches when newspaper correspondents met him in conference.

BURNING SHIP IS SIGHTED NO SIGN OF LIFE ABOARD

New York, June 28.—The Ward line steamship, Mexico, which arrived here today from Havana, reported sighting a burning vessel at 1 p. m. Sunday in latitude 39-09; longitude 79-53.

The Mexico bore down on the craft but after circling her several times, Captain Jones said he failed to discern any signs of life.

Apparently the vessel had been a schooner of composite build. She was burned to the water's edge, and there was nothing left to give any clue to her identity.

THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE LAST FRIDAY

The Republican, with the current issue, begins the thirty-fourth year of its existence in this community. During the period of its issue much has happened. Wars have been fought, pestilence, flood and drought have been abroad in the land, both at home and elsewhere. Times have been good and otherwise, yet thru it all the Republican has managed to weather the storms and we are pleased to start the 34th year with a determination to pursue that course, which in our humble judgment makes for the best interest of the community wherein we most largely circulate, in fact our maxim shall be "Devoted to The Interests of All The People of Ohio County." During our brief connection with the Paper it has been our aim to give publicity to all worthy causes, endeavoring to promote that which in our judgment appeared to be the best interest of the general public. We realize our feebleness, and inability to always properly grasp that position which might prove best for all, yet we have conscientiously tried, and for whatever may have been extended to us in the way of a mantle of charity for our frailties we are indeed very grateful. To those who have given of their support, in both word and deed, we acknowledge our thanks and appreciation, and with the start of this, a new year, pledge that the maxim above quoted shall be scrupulously followed to the end.

ALLEN-YEISER

Mr. A. C. Yeiser and Mrs. Zilpah Allen, both residents of Hartford, were joined in marriage Monday evening at the home of Rev. Russell Walker, he performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Yeiser are well known here, and we join their many friends in wishing them well on their wedded voyage.

MRS. KIRK ENTERTAINS LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs. A. D. Kirk entertained the Ladies' Social Club at her home on Union street, Wednesday afternoon, at progressive ruck. At the conclusion of the games delicious salads and ices were served. Those present were:

Mrs. A. C. Porter, J. S. Glenn, E. G. Barrass, F. L. Felix, R. E. Lee, Simmerman, Darrell Sullenger, M. L. McCracken, W. C. Blankenship, E. E. Birkhead, R. T. Collins, J. B. Tappan, Clarence Igleheart, Z. H. Shultz, Belle Cooper, city, and Geo. W. Brunton, of Memphis, Tenn.; Misses Lettie Marks, Clifflie Felix, Elizabeth Moore, Winnie Simmerman and Mary Marks.

BENNETT-LEACH.

The marriage of Hinton Taylor Leach and Gladys Bennett was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harper. Only the relatives of the two families were present. The young couple left at once on their bridal trip for Louisville and Owensboro. They will return home Sunday.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Caskey Bennett of Hartford. She is attractive and popular with the younger set of which she was a member.

The groom is the son of Prof. Henry Leach and is one of Hartford's finest young men. He is a graduate of the Hartford High School and has just completed his second successful year at the University of Kentucky. His standing at the University is better than two and four-tenths, which ranks him with the highest. He is a member of Delta Sigma Pi, which is an honorary commercial fraternity. He is well known and well liked by all.

The Republican joins their many friends in wishing for them a successful married life.

MISSION BOARD MEETS

The Ohio County Baptist Mission Board convened in its regular monthly session at the local Baptist Church Tuesday morning with a goodly number present. The usual routine business was transacted. Those present included the following: Revs. Russell Walker and R. E. Fuqua, Hartford; Birch Shields, Cromwell; Oscar Ashby and M. G. Snel, Central Grove; R. L. Brandenburg, Fordsville; R. E.

Booker and Z. Ferrell of McHenry; M. A. Embry, Baizetown; H. L. Jarboe, Trisler and Alfred Mauzy, of Fordsville; Messrs. John Thomas, Concord; Wm. Fair, Hartford; W. I. Igleheart, Central Grove, G. S. Holbrook, Woodward's Valley; W. P. Hoagland, Clear Run; S. R. Godsey, Smallhouse; J. B. Westerfield, A. J. Wilson and Fount Crowe of Fordsville.

CALIFORNIA VISITORS HAVE RETURNED HOME

Mrs. A. T. Nall and son, Henry, and daughter, now Mrs. Henry Leach, together with Mr. Leach, arrived in Hartford yesterday morning from California, where the Nalls had been since last fall. Mr. Leach went to the Golden Gate state about June 1st where he and Miss Nall were married, mention of which we made in these columns some time ago.

ERNEST E. BIRKHEAD IN RACE FOR SHERIFF

In this issue we formally announce the candidacy of Ernest E. Birkhead for the nomination for Sheriff, at the hands of the Democratic party, in the coming primary election. Mr. Birkhead has been a resident of Hartford during the past 19 or 20 years and is quite well known by a large number of citizens throughout the County. He is a good citizen, much esteemed by his many friends and thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires.

TWO BOYS, RIDING A MULE ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Barbourville, Ky., June 28.—Two young sons of Robert Barton, Winslow neighborhood, were instantly killed by lightning when they were riding a mule, which also was killed.

ASKS MAN TO CARRY BODY, THEN KILLS SELF

Noblesville, Ky., June 28.—"Will you do me a favor?" Timothy Myers, 52 years old, a recluse, shouted this over the fence to John Cobb, a neighboring farmer, today.

"Certainly. What is it?"

"I want you to carry me into my shack."

Myers then blew off the top of his head with a shotgun.

The neighbor carried the body into the house, as he had promised.

LOUISVILLE MARKETS

Cattle—Market quiet and inactive on all classes. Requirements limited in all directions. Light call for prime heavy-weight butcher heifers and steers. Medium and inferior grades slow and hard to sell at low prices. Narrow volume of trade in stockers, with practically no trading on feeders. Market practically demoralized on heavy steers and sales at comparatively low prices.

Quotations: Prime heavy steers \$6.50 @ 7; heavy shipping steers \$6.25 @ 6.50; medium steers \$5.50 @ 6; butcher steers \$5 @ 7; fat heifers \$5 @ 6.75; fat cows \$4.25 @ 5.50; medium to good cows \$3 @ 4.25; cutters \$2 @ 3; canners \$1.50 @ 2; bulls \$3.50 @ 5; milk cows \$15 @ 50.

Calves—Market steady. Best veals \$7.50 down. Medium \$4 @ 5; common \$2 @ 3. Slow trade on common rough calves.

Hogs—Prices advanced 15c on all grades, with top hogs bringing \$8.90. Best hogs 220 pounds and up, \$8.40; 90 to 220 pounds \$8.90; 90 pounds down \$7.55; throwouts \$6.30 down.

Sheep and Lambs—Market active with general trade on top lambs at \$9.50 @ 9.75; two loads strictly good weighted lambs at \$10; seconds \$4 down. Best fat sheep \$3 @ 3.50, according to weight; bucks \$2 down.

Produce.

Louisville produce dealers quote buying prices as follows net to shipper the shipper paying freight and drayage charges.

Butter—Country 15c lb.
Eggs—21c dozen.
Poultry—Hens 17c lb.; small chickens 30 @ 33c lb.; roosters 7c lb.; old duck 12c lb.; turkeys 23c lb.; geese 6c lb.; guineas old \$3 dozen.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Amette Cox, McHenry to Vonnie L. Duvall, Horse Branch.
A. C. Yeiser, Hartford to Zilpha Allen, Hartford.
Hinton Leach, Hartford to Gladys Bennett, Hartford.
Otto Powers, Dundee, to Beulah Lanham, Fordsville.

MRS. E. H. MASSEY GIVEN DIVORCE

Judge Slack Refuses Alimony Allowance To Plaintiff In Famous Suit.

Owensboro, Ky., June 25.—"All that I can say is that I think the plaintiff in this case is entitled to a divorce. I think it would be better for both parties to the suit." Such was the brief decision of Judge R. W. Slack late this afternoon in the divorce case of Mrs. Ludie Grantham Massey against her husband, Ellis H. Massey.

Judge Slack declined to grant Mrs. Massey any alimony, saying that it had been shown by the record that her estate in North Carolina is worth from \$250,000 to \$300,000 and that her income ranges from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year. "The Kentucky statutes are plain on the point of alimony," said Judge Slack. "Where a woman has an income of her own and is not dependent upon anyone, the law does not intend that she shall receive alimony."

Judge Slack also discussed the financial standing of the defendant, saying the records showed that Mr. Massey earned only \$75 a month three or four months a year, and his only property was a lot valued at \$500. Ellis Massey is the only son of R. E. Massey, whom the plaintiff's attorney contends is a millionaire. In this connection Judge Slack said the defendant may or may not inherit his father's fortune, but that he could not enter into the young man's future expectations.

Fees Not Decided.

The question of fees for the plaintiff's attorneys was not decided, Judge W. P. Sandidge, of counsel for Mrs. Massey, making a motion that he and J. J. Sweeney and Laverga Clements, the other attorneys be allowed \$4,000. Louis Igleheart and E. R. Anderson represented Mrs. Massey and they objected to any fees being allowed the opposing attorneys Judge Slack took them under advisement.

Previous to ruling on the divorce and alimony questions, Judge Slack rendered a decision in the case against Ellis H. Massey, as guardian for his wife, in which she sought a settlement of her estate. When they married at Goldsboro, N. C., in May 1918, Mrs. Massey was not of age, and her brother-in-law was removed as her guardian and her husband appointed.

She inherited her estate from her father. When they came to Owensboro to reside, \$17,000 was deposited in a local bank.

\$8,000 Ordered Paid.

In the suit for a settlement of the estate it was alleged that Mrs. Massey was allowed to spend \$8,000 during the time she lived with her husband and restitution of this amount was asked. Attorneys for Mr. Massey, in their arguments, claimed that Mr. Massey's income was not sufficient to give his wife all of the luxuries that she demanded, and she insisted upon using her own funds. Mrs. Massey had accounts in Louisville, Cincinnati and Baltimore in addition to the ones in Owensboro. Judge Slack ruled this afternoon that Mr. Massey, as his wife's guardian, had no legal right to allow her to waste her estate, and ordered that he restore to her an amount of approximately \$8,000. Mr. Massey is under bond as guardian.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey lived together until March 1920, when she alleged in her petition she was forced to leave him on account of his treatment of her. Mr. Massey denied all of the allegations made by his wife, and thru his attorneys, contested the suit for divorce.

Mrs. Massey was at the Owensboro Country Club, seeking relief from the heat in the swimming pool, when informed late this afternoon of Judge Slack's decisions.

"Well, I am certainly glad it is all over," said Mrs. Massey, who is 21 and an unusually handsome woman. "I had made up my mind to be satisfied with any decision and this one certainly does please me." Mrs. Massey said she would remain in Owensboro another month, at least, and then travel.

Mr. Massey has announced that he will not pay the attorneys for his former wife one cent in fees.

Robert Owens of McHenry, was a visitor at this office yesterday.